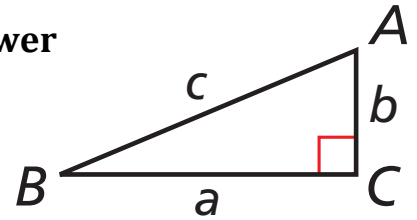


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- I can use the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles.
- I can solve problems involving angles of elevation and angles of depression.

Attendance questions. Use the triangle at the right to answer questions 1-3.



1. If $a = 8$ and $b = 5$, find c . Write your answer as simplified radical.

2. If $a = 60$ & $c = 61$, find b .

3. If $b = 6$ & $c = 10$, find $\sin B$. Write your answer as a fraction in simplest form and a decimal.

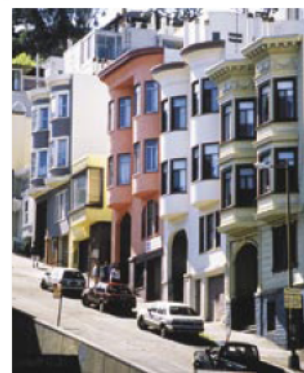
Find AB. Write your answer as radical in simplified form.

4. $A(8, 10)$ & $B(3, 0)$

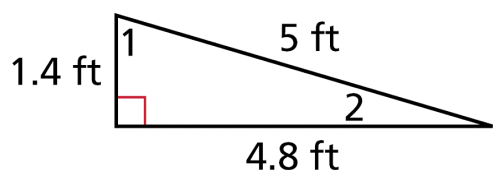
5. $A(1, -2)$ & $B(2, 6)$

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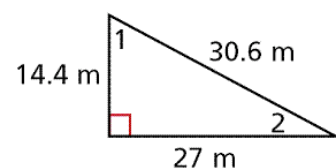
San Francisco, California, is famous for its steep streets. The steepness of a road is often expressed as a *percent grade*. Filbert Street, the steepest street in San Francisco, has a 31.5% grade. This means the road rises 31.5 ft over a horizontal distance of 100 ft, which is equivalent to a 17.5° angle. In this lesson we will learn how 17.5° was calculated.



Example 1: If $\cos A = \frac{24}{25}$, which angle, 1 or 2, is $\angle A$?



6. Guided Practice: If $\sin A = \frac{8}{17}$, which angle, 1 or 2, is $\angle A$?



List the exact values the following. Simplify and rationalize all denominators!

7. $\sin 45^\circ$

8. $\cos 45^\circ$

9. $\tan 45^\circ$

10. $\sin 30^\circ$

11. $\cos 30^\circ$

12. $\tan 30^\circ$

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List the exact values the following. Simplify and rationalize all denominators!

13. $\sin 60^\circ$

14. $\cos 60^\circ$

15. $\tan 60^\circ$

16. If you solve a problem and the angle has a sine that is 0.5, what is the measure of the angle?

17. If you know the sine, cosine, or tangent of an acute angle measure, you can use the _____ trigonometric functions to find the measure of the angle.

Inverse Trigonometric Functions
If $\sin A = x$, then $\arcsin(x) = m\angle A$, $\sin A = x$, then $\sin^{-1} x = m\angle A$
If $\cos A = x$, then _____ = $m\angle A$, $\sin A = x$, then $\cos^{-1} x = m\angle A$
If $\tan A = x$, then $\arctan(x) = m\angle A$, $\sin A = x$, then _____ = $m\angle A$

Trig Calculator: <http://www.easycalculation.com/trigonometry/trigonometry.php>

Example 2: Use your calculator to find the angle measures. Round your answer to the nearest degree.

18. $\cos A = 0.87$

19. $\sin B = 0.85$

20. $\tan D = 0.71$

21. $\tan E = 0.75$

22. $\cos F = 0.05$

23. $\sin G = 0.67$

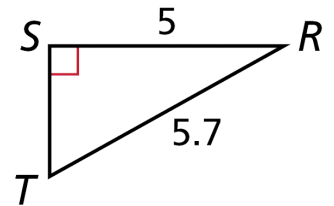
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24. What does it mean to solve a right triangle?

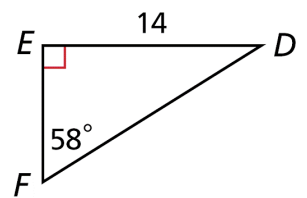
25. When you solve a right triangle, round angle measures to _____.

26. When you solve a right triangle, round side lengths to _____.

Example 3: Solve the right triangle.



27. **Guided Practice:** Solve the right triangle.



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Example 4: The coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle PQR$ are $P(-3, 3)$, $Q(2, 3)$, and $R(-3, -4)$. Find the side lengths to the nearest hundredth and the angle measures to the nearest degree.

28. Guided Practice: The coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle RST$ are $R(-3, 5)$, $S(4, 5)$, and $T(4, -2)$. Find the side lengths to the nearest hundredth and the angle measures to the nearest degree.

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Example 5: A highway sign warns that a section of road ahead has a 7% grade. To the nearest degree, what angle does the road make with a horizontal line?

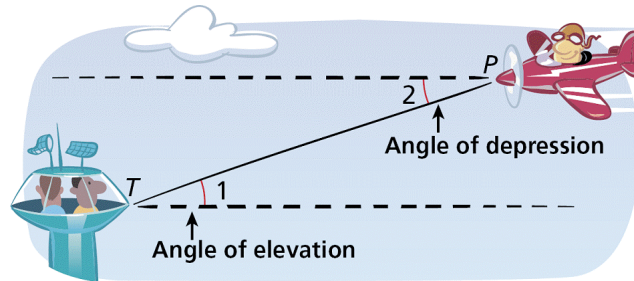
29. Guided Practice: Baldwin St. in Dunedin, New Zealand, is the steepest street in the world. It has a grade of 38%. To the nearest degree, what angle does Baldwin St. make with a horizontal line?

Work on the 8.3 assignment.

An **angle of elevation** is the angle formed by a horizontal line and a line of sight to a point _____ the line. In the diagram, $\angle 1$ is the angle of elevation from the tower T to the plane P .

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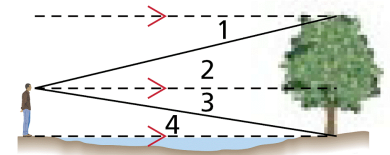
An **angle of depression** is the angle formed by a horizontal line and a line of sight to a point _____ the line. $\angle 2$ is the angle of depression from the plane to the tower.



30. What is the relationship between $\angle 1$ (angle of elevation) & $\angle 2$ (angle of depression)? Explain how you know.

Example 1: Classify each angle as an angle of elevation or an angle of depression.

$\angle 1$: $\angle 4$

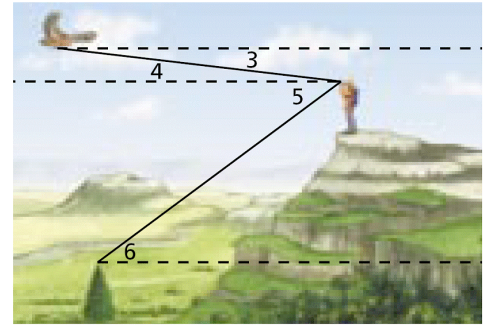


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Guided Practice: Use the diagram above to classify each angle as an angle of elevation or angle of depression.

31. $\angle 5$

32. $\angle 6$



Example 2: The Seattle Space Needle casts a 67-meter shadow. If the angle of elevation from the tip of the shadow to the top of the Space Needle is 70° , how tall is the Space Needle? Round to the nearest meter.

33. Guided Practice: What if...? Suppose a plane is at an altitude of 3500 ft and the angle of elevation from the airport to the plane is 29° . What is the horizontal distance between the plane and the airport? Round to the nearest foot.

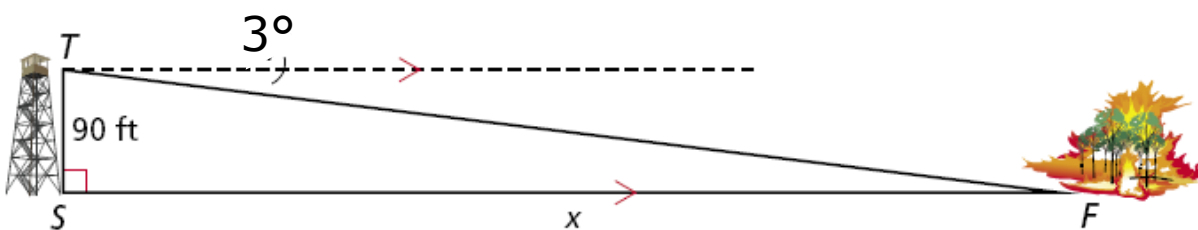
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Example 3: An ice climber stands at the edge of a crevasse that is 115 ft wide. The angle of depression from the edge where she stands to the bottom of the opposite side is 52° . How deep is the crevasse at this point? Round to the nearest foot.



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34. Guided Practice: What if...? Suppose the ranger sees another fire and the angle of depression to the fire is 3° . What is the horizontal distance to this fire? Round to the nearest foot.



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Example 4: An observer in a lighthouse is 69 ft above the water. He sights two boats in the water directly in front of him. The angle of depression to the nearest boat is 48° . The angle of depression to the other boat is 22° . What is the distance between the two boats? Round to the nearest foot.

35. Guided Practice: A pilot flying at an altitude of 12,000 ft sights two airports directly in front of him. The angle of depression to one airport is 78° , and the angle of depression to the second airport is 19° . What is the distance between the two airports? Round to the nearest foot.